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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) Reinforcing fibers having an applied chemical treatment wherein said applied chemical treatment is applied as an aqueous treatment comprising an emulsified polyester resin, a curing agent, an epoxidized polyvinyl acetate film former, a thickener polymer, and water; wherein the applied chemical treatment on the reinforcing fibers is from 5% to 30% by weight.
2. (Previously Presented) The reinforcing fibers of claim 1 wherein the applied chemical treatment is dried.
3. (Canceled) The product of claim 1 wherein the emulsified polyester resin is PE412, available from OC Anderson.
4. (Previously Presented) The reinforcing fibers of claim 1 wherein the curing agent is a peroxide.
5. (Previously Presented) The reinforcing fibers of claim 1 wherein the curing agent is chosen from the group consisting of benzoyl peroxide, dicumyl peroxide, and mixtures thereof.
6. (Previously Presented) The reinforcing fibers of claim 1 wherein the film former is a vinyl polymer.
7. (Canceled ) The product of claim 1 wherein the film former is a polyvinyl acetate.
8. (Canceled) The product of claim 1 wherein the film former is Duracet 675-01, available from Franklin International.

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9. (Previously Presented) The reinforcing fibers of claim 1 wherein the thickener is a water soluble polymer.
10. (Previously Presented) The reinforcing fibers of claim 1 wherein the thickener is an acrylic polymer.
11. (Canceled) The product of claim 1 wherein the thickener is chosen from the group consisting of Carbopol 941, Carbopol 981, and mixtures thereof, each available from B.F. Goodrich.
12. (Previously Presented) The reinforcing fibers of claim 1 wherein the water is deionized water.
13. (Previously Presented) The reinforcing fibers of claim 2 wherein said reinforcing fibers form a strand having the applied chemical treatment.
14. (Original) A reinforcing fiber mat comprising the reinforcing fibers of claim 13.
15. (Original) A composite comprising a polymer matrix and the reinforcing fiber mat of claim 14.